

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to express their appreciation to Examiner Pham for the courtesies extended to Applicants' attorney during a telephone interview on June 30, 2004. Pursuant to the discussion in that interview, Applicants have amended the application by canceling claims 1-11, 16, and 19 so that only claims 12-15, 17 and 18 remain pending in the application. During a telephone interview on April 28, 2004, Examiner Pham did agree that claim 15 would be allowable if made dependent from the now amended claim 12.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11, 15-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Rahul Jain et al., "Geographical Routing Using Partial Information For Wireless Ad Hoc Networks", 20 December 1999. Applicants have responded to this rejection by canceling claims 1-11, 16, and 19 to expedite prosecution of this application. However, Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 7 and 9 in a continuation application pending further review of the cited prior art document.

Claim 12, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable if rewritten in independent form and which was previously dependent from now canceled claim 1, has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all the limitations of its predecessor. Claim 15, previously dependent from now canceled claim 1, has been amended to depend from claim 12 which the Examiner has indicated is allowable.

Allowable Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 12-15, 17, and 18.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 12-15, 17, and 18 are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve the issues.

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